Renal Disease In Diabetes

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The individual clinician is in the best position to determine which tests are most appropriate for a particular patient.

Screening and Monitoring	Treatment and Monitoring	Risk of ESRD
Urinalysis for protein¹ Less than 1+ protein: Test for microalbuminuria² with either: 1. Spot AM urine for mg microalbumin/mg creatinine (ratio)¹; or 2. Timed urine collection for mcg albumin/min; or 3. 24 hour urine collection for total mg albumin/24 hours. NOTE: See the following two boxes for interpretation of results for these tests.	Protective Recommendations for all patients 1. Strict glucose control (HbA1C less than or equal to 7.0% using an NGSP³-certified method); 2. Strict blood pressure control (less than or equal to 130/80); 3. Strict lipid control (cholesterol less than 200 mg/dL, LDL less than 100 mg/dL, HDL greater than 45 mg/dL, triglycerides less than 150 mg/dL).	
 Spot AM urine microalbumin/creatinine ratio less than 0.03 mg/mg on 2 of 3 tests (to rule out false positives¹); or Urine albumin less than 20 mcg/min on timed urine collection; or Total urine albumin less than 30 mg on 24-hour urine collection. 	No microalbuminuria 1. Repeat test for microalbuminuria ² annually; 2. Continue Protective Recommendations as above; 3. If patient already on ACE inhibitor or ARBs ⁴ , check serum creatinine and K+ (see #4 below).	Low
 Spot AM urine microalbumin/creatinine ratio 0.03 to 0.30 mg/mg on 2 of 3 tests (to rule out false positives¹); or Urine albumin 20 to 200 mcg/min on timed urine collection; or Total urine albumin 30 to 300 mg on 24 hour urine collection. 	 Microalbuminuria (incipient nephropathy) 1. If serum creatinine less than 2 mg/dL and K+ less than 5.5 mEq/L, treat with ACE inhibitor or ARBs²; 2. Continue Protective Recommendations as above; 3. Check serum creatinine and K+ and UA for gross proteinuria annually; 4. If creatinine greater than 2 mg/dL or K+ greater than 5.5 mEq/L; consider consult with nephrologist. 	Mod: incipient nephro- pathy
Greater than or equal to 1+ protein, or Spot AM urine albumin/creatinine ratio greater than 0.30 mg/mg on 2 of 3 tests (to rule out false positives¹). Check total gm urine protein on 24-hour urine collection, or spot AM urine protein/creatinine ratio. 1. Total urine protein greater than 500 mg but less than 1 gram on 24-hour urine collection; or 2. Spot AM urine protein/creatinine ratio greater 0.5 but less than 1.0.	Macroalbuminuria/gross proteinuria (overt nephropathy) 1. Continue treatment as for microabuminuria above; 2. Consider consult with nephrologist.	High: overt nephro- pathy
Total urine <u>protein</u> greater than 1 gram in 24 hours; or Spot AM urine <u>protein/creatinine</u> ratio greater than 1.0. I LA protein or spot AM urine microalbumin/creatinine ratio may be positive or	Marked proteinuria (severe renal disease) Refer to nephrologist for education and preparation for dialysis	Extremely high: pending ESRD

¹ UA protein or spot AM urine microalbumin/creatinine ratio may be positive or elevated in the setting of poor glucose control, UTI, heavy exercise, fever or sepsis ñ treat as appropriate before re-testing.

² Most labs use a very sensitive method to measure albumin in the microalbumin range. Check with your lab on test choice and availability, specimen collection, preference, and interpretation.

³ NGSP: National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program

⁴ ARBs: Angiotensin Receptor Blockers